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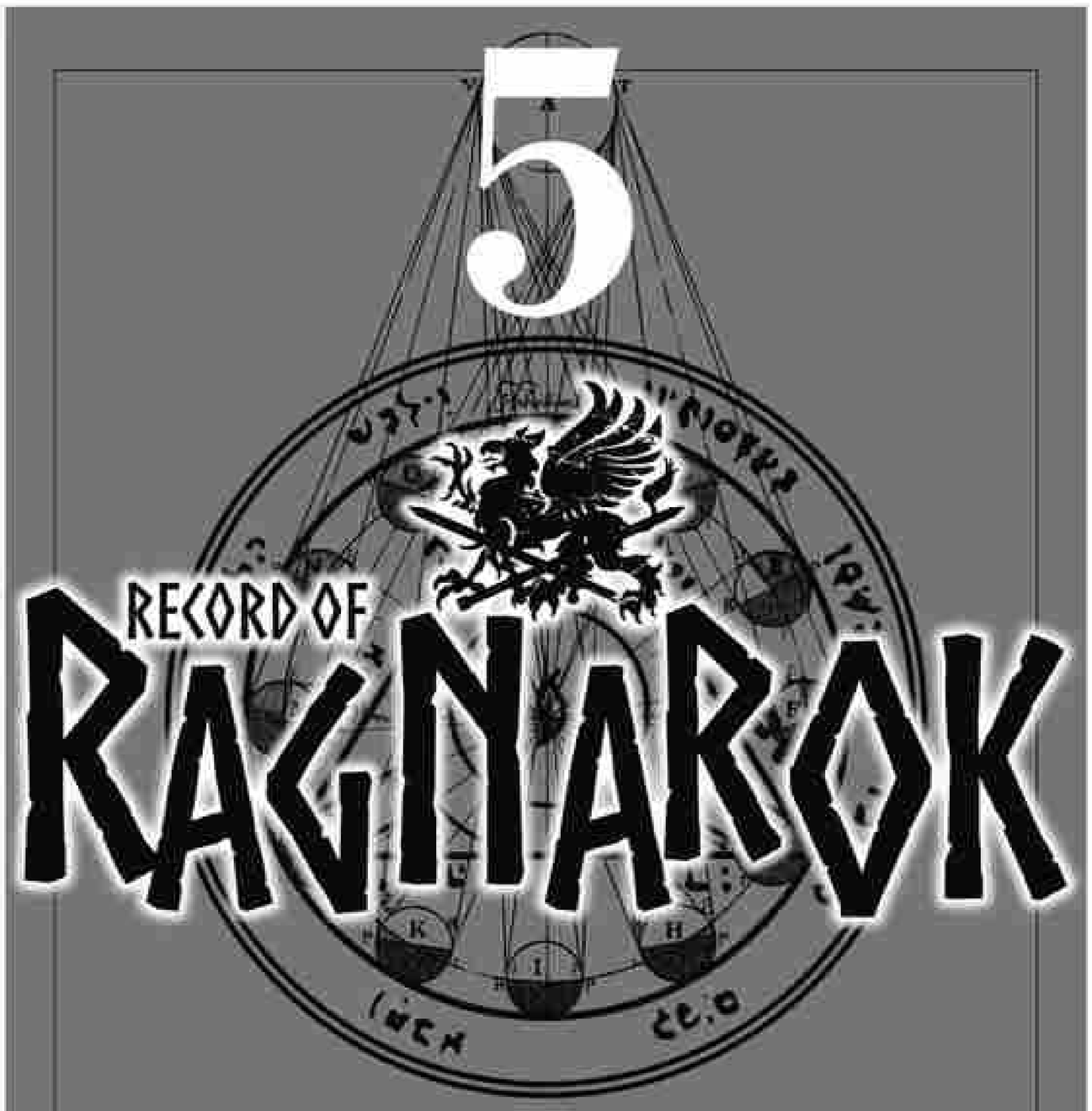

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CHAPTER 19: THE SWALLOW GAZES INTO THE ABYSS

THE BROKEN BLADE...

WHOA

WOW

OOOO

...HAS BECOME TWO SWORDS?!

GRRRRMMMMMM

IT'S JUST SO...

I-I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PUT IT...

二天山岩流
佐々木小次郎
NITEN GANRYU KOJIRO SASAKI
...COOL!

PLIP

PLIP

HRIST...!

H...

HOW DID MONO-HOSHIZAO TURN INTO TWO SWORDS?

BUT...

I REALLY THOUGHT SHE WAS DEAD!

...

THAT'S HRIST'S ABILITY.

A POWER THAT LIES IN HER NAMES...

TMP

"THE ROARING ONE!"

AND...

"THE QUAKING ONE!"

...TWO NAMES... AND TWO POWERS!

HRIST IS THE ONLY VALKYRIE WHO HAS...

BOOM

WHAT A... WHAT A... WHAT A... WHAT A... WHAT A... WHAT A... WHAT A...

HRM HMM HRM

WHAT A... WHAT A... WHAT A...

...?

Y-YOU CHOSE HRIST FOR KOJIRO KNOWING THIS WOULD HAPPEN, DIDN'T YOU, BRUNHILDE?

HEH

WHAT A...
WHAT A...
WHAT A...
WHAT A...
WHAT A...
WHAT A...

WHAT A...
WHAT A...
WHAT A...
WHAT A...
WHAT A...
WHAT A...

?!

YES!

WHAT A LUCKY BREAK!

?!

"WE GOT THIS" ?!

WE GOT THIS!

?!

"LUCKY" ?!

SHW

...SASAKI KOJIRO!

NOW GO...

ROAAAR

HEH HEH

...

...MR. GOD OF THE SEAS?

LET'S HAVE IT OUT, SHALL WE...

HEY... IT AIN'T OVER YET.

...

STOMP

YOU LITTLE...

SKRRR

...

...

HHHSS

ガバッ
ガバッ
ガバッ
ガバッ

ガバッ

TING TANG TING TING TING TING

F...

...

11

WHMM

FATHER ...?!

SQUK SQUK ...!

...JUST SAW FATHER IN SASAKI.

WUBBA WUB

I...I THOUGHT I...

?!

IT'S ONLY NATURAL.

HOW IS SASAKI ...?

THOSE MOVES ARE DEF-INITELY FATHER'S!

...SASAKI HAS BEEN FIGHTING TO THE DEATH AGAINST ME.

EVEN FROM THE GRAVE...

...WITH ME. WITH NITEN ICHIRYU.

THOUSANDS... NO, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TIMES...

HE'S BEEN REPLAYING HIS FIGHT...

MAKING MY TECHNIQUES HIS OWN...

...DOESN'T MEAN HE CAN ACTUALLY DEFEAT A GOD!

B-BUT... JUST BECAUSE HE CAN *COPY* YOUR TECHNIQUES...

THAT IS NOT JUST ANY OLD DUAL-SWORD STYLE...

SZZWD

IT IS THE SEIGEN TODA SHORT-SWORD STYLE!

TANG

THE FLUID FOOT-WORK OF THE SHINKAGE YAGYU SCHOOL!

ZWP

ZWN

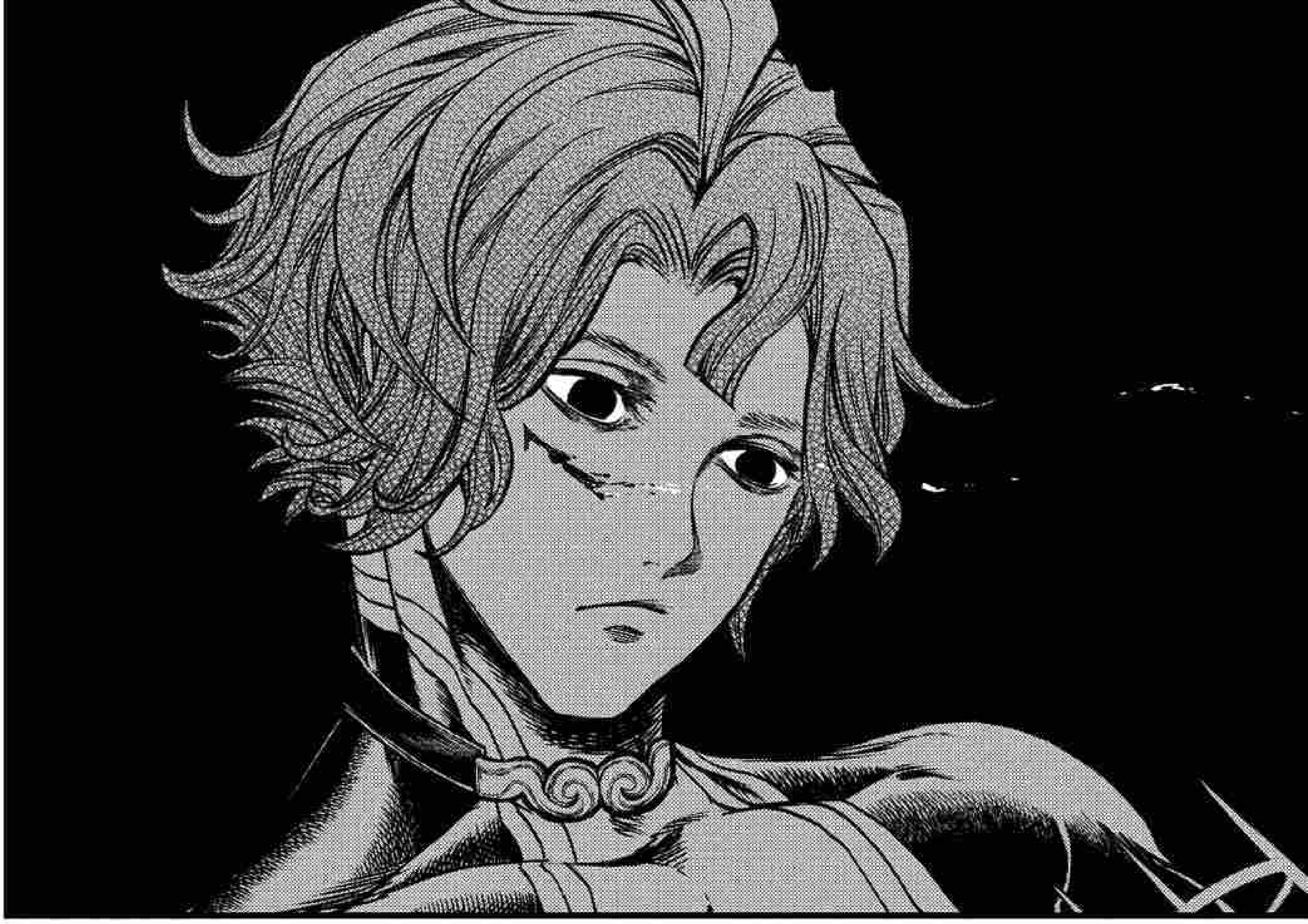
SHWF

THE POWER OF THE ITTO-RYU, THE ONE-SWORD STYLE!

THE EVER-CHANGING STYLE OF THE SWORD SAINT, KAMIIZUMI ISENOKAMI!

ZZZ

ZWN



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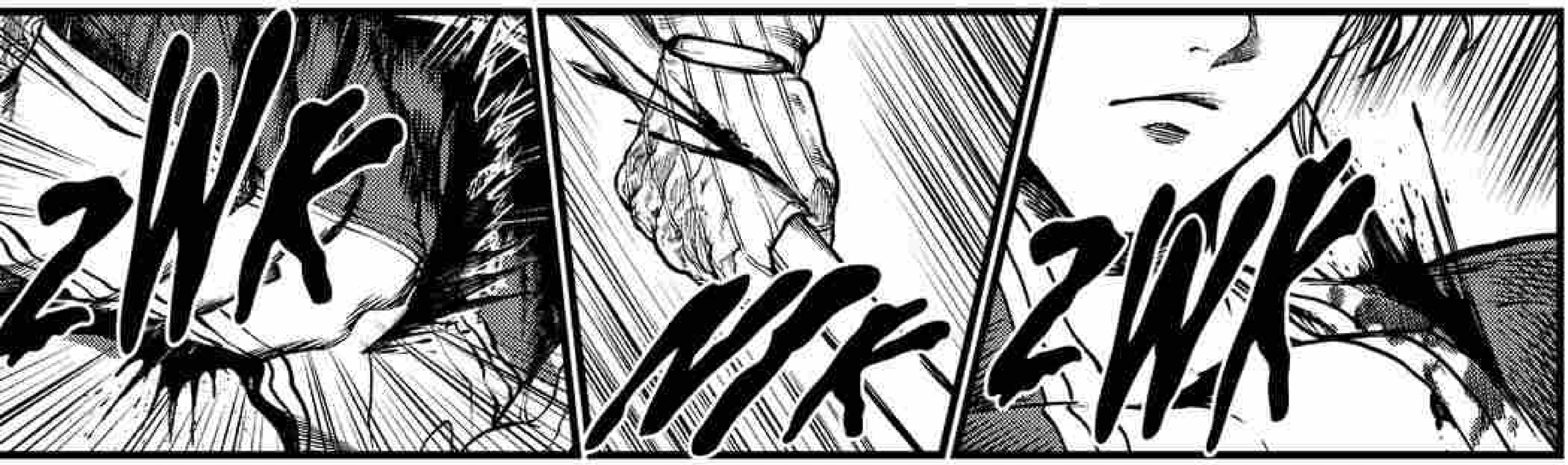
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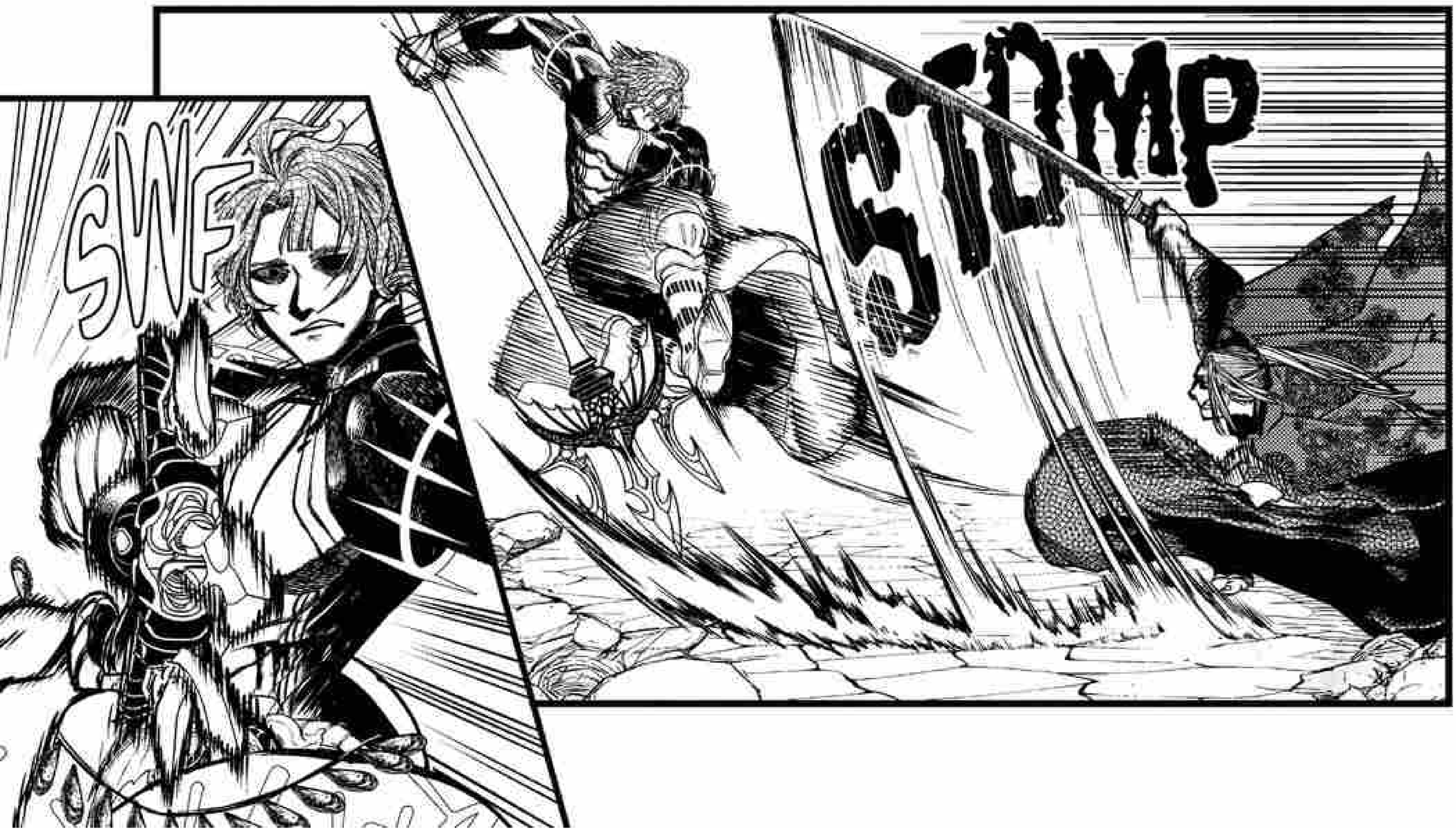
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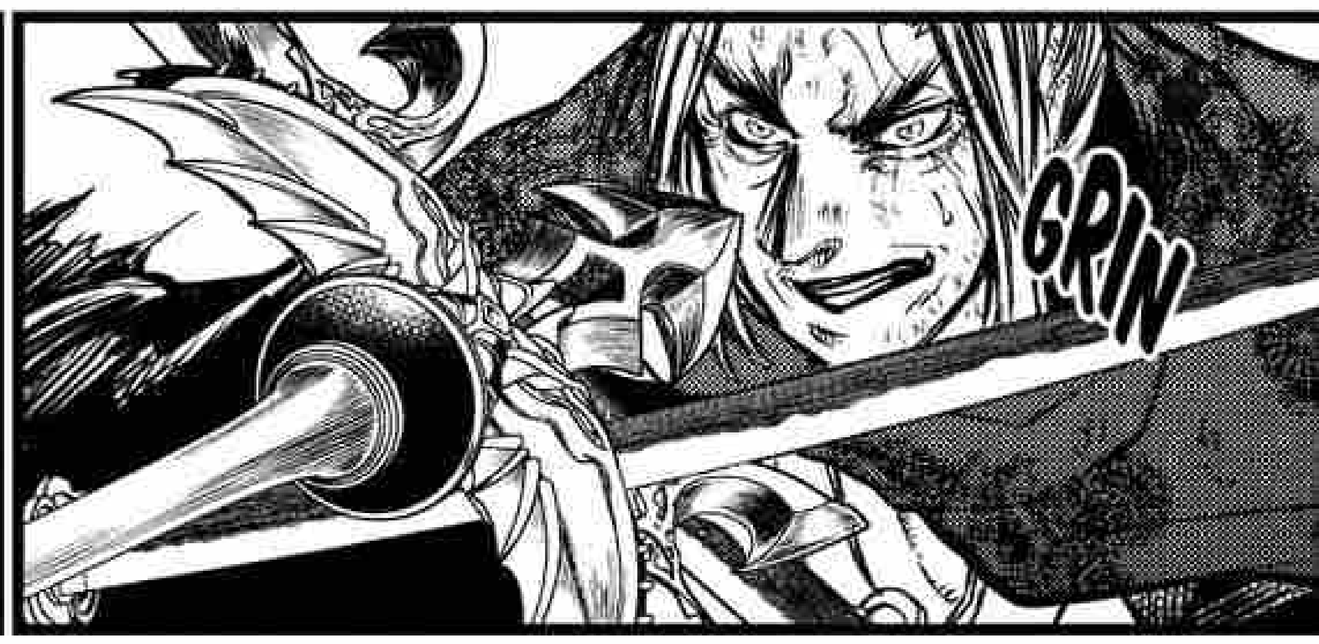


...MY NITEN ICHIRYU STYLE!

AND NOW...

AFTER YEARS OF DEDICATION TO THE SWORD, HE WILL FINALLY STRIKE AT ETERNITY!

...HE *EVER* FACED.

...OF *ALL* THE GREAT SWORDSMEN...

IT'S NOT MIMICRY OR AN IMITATION— WE *LIVE* IN HIS SOUL! THIS IS THE *BEST*...

WHAT WE'RE SEEING IS NITEN GANRYU AS USED BY SASAKI KOJIRO...

...A SWORDSMAN UNPARALLELED UNDER THE HEAVENS!

RRAAAHH

PLIP

PLIP

POSEIDON, FEARED AS THE ZEUS OF THE SEAS...

C-CAN THIS BE HAPPEN-ING...?!

DO

...IS COVERED IN WOUNDS!

OM

A HUMAN... AGAINST LORD POSEIDON ...?

N-NO WAY...

ALL OF OF HUMANITY'S HOPES, WHICH HAD BEEN DENIED...

I THOUGHT WE WERE DONE... BUT...

D-DAMN...!

...AGAIN AND AGAIN...

THIS TIME! THIS TIME! THIS TIME!

YOU CAN DO IT... YOU CAN DO IT!

WOULD THEY NOW BE REALIZED...?

KRAAA

YOU CAN DO IT, SASAKI KOJIRO!

YOU GOT THIS, KO-JIRO!

OUR FATE IS IN YOUR HANDS!

AAAH

THE GOD KILL-ER!

HMM....

PLIP

MM ♪

MMMM... ♪

HMMM... ♪

PLIP

MM HMM... ♪

mmmm...
♪
HMMM...
♪
...
SPS
SH
mmmm...
♪
FLIP

HMPH!

SCHLAG

...FIG-URED OUT, EH?

FWIP

SO, YOU THINK THAT YOU HAVE ME...

FEX

KRCH

KCH KRCH

KCH

KCH

KRCH

JUST WHO DO YOU THINK I AM...?!

...HAD ONCE AGAIN...

KCH

IT SEEMED AS THOUGH HUMANITY'S HOPES OF VICTORY...

SHNK

...COME WITHIN REACH...

!

ZHO

ash

...BY THE HANDS OF A GOD!

...

...ONLY BE SNATCHED AWAY...

KOJIRO HAS ONCE AGAIN BEEN STRUCK BY POSEI-DON'S TRIDENT!

PLIP

THAT STRIKE WAS TOO QUICK TO BE SEEN BY THE NAKED EYE!

NGHK...

TH...

SKWP

...LORD POSEI-DON...

...

AGAINST SASAKI KOJIRO'S NITEN GANRYU...

...RE-SPOND ED...

...WITH SHEER FORCE.

ZWP

SHIK

SENJU MUSO!

HEH...

PWNK

I SEE IT COMING, BUT I CAN'T DODGE IT!

D-DAMN IT...!

SPLASH

SWOOSH

ALOPE

MEDUSA!
ALOPE!
DEMETER!
FORTY
DAYS AND
40 NIGHTS
OF FLOOD!

DWOOM!

...HAS TURNED THIS MATCH AROUND!

A GREAT EARTH-SWALLOW-ING FLOOD...

THERE IT IS!

AND RAGING INSIDE THAT DOME IS A STORM OF STRIKES!

DON'T YOU JUST LOVE IT? ♡

WMP WMP WMP WMP WMP

...THE AFTER-IMAGE IS LIKE A DOME!

POSEIDON'S MOVEMENTS ARE SO FAST...

YES, IT IS!

YAAAAAGH!

TING

KING

TANG

TING

TING

TING

SWISH

SWISH

FFWUFF

!

WHOA, WHOA, WHOA!

BLUB

NO WAY!

WHIP WHIP WHIP

WHIP

FNO

I FIND IT GOES EVEN DEEPER!

SH

JUST WHEN...

...I THOUGHT I'D REACHED THE BOTTOM ...

KRIK

KRK

KRAK

...ISN'T LOOKING GOOD.

THIS...

...

THIS MAY BE IT FOR ME!

TNG KTNG KNG KANG

BLUB

WHEN HAVE I EVER WON?

BLBBLRB

THEN AGAIN... THIS IS NOTHING NEW.

BLB BLRB

BLUB

KOJIRO ...

!

MASTER SEIGEN...!

BLRB

KOJIRO!

BLUB

KOJIRO!

WAIT....

WHO ARE ALL OF YOU...?!

BLUB

BLUB

KOJIRO!

KOJIRO!

KOJIRO!

KOJIRO!

KOJIRO!

PUMP

PUMP

PUMP

WHP WHP

KOJIRO!!

KOJIRO!!

WHP

WHP WHP WHP

WHP

WHP

DO WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO DO, KOJIRO!!

C'MON, SASAKI KOJIRO! YOU CAN DO IT!

WHP

WHP

IT'S NOT OVER YET, SASAKI!!

WHAT ARE THEY DOING...?

W...

WHAMP

...THE TRUE ESSENCE OF A SWORDS-MAN!

IT'S TIME TO REVEAL...

HEH HEH...

...

KTNG

TNG

TNNK

BUT THEY'RE RIGHT. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS.

THOSE IDIOTS!

KRAK

KRAK

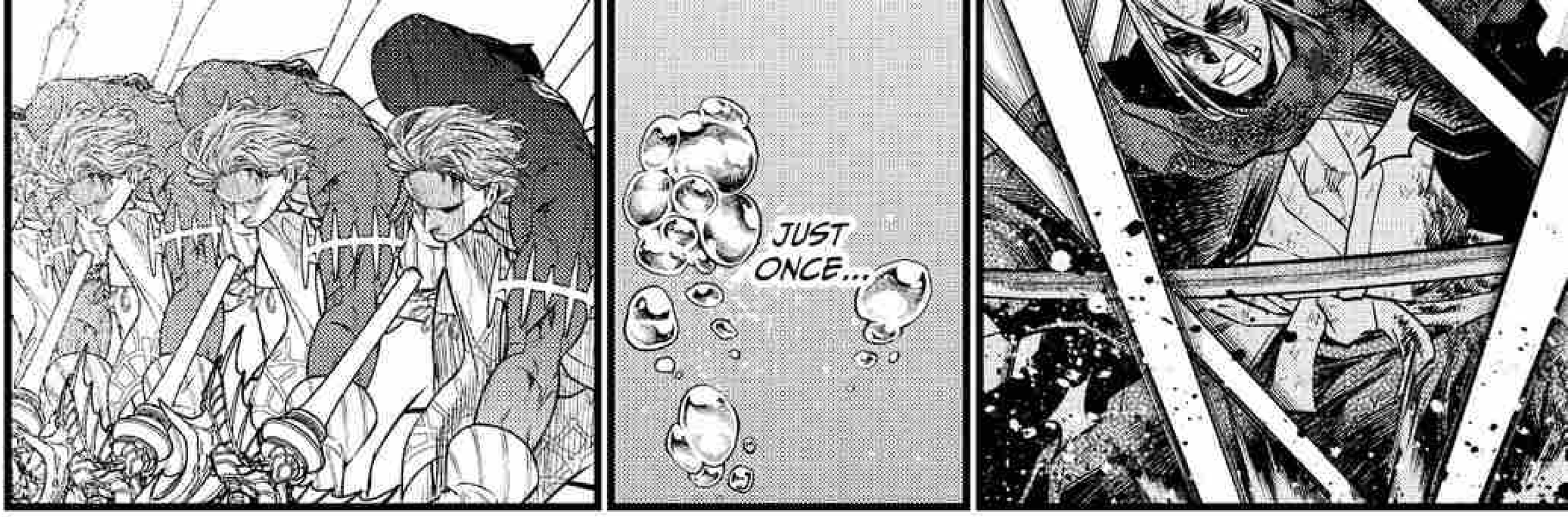
...STARTS WITH DEFEAT.

FOR ME, IT ALWAYS...

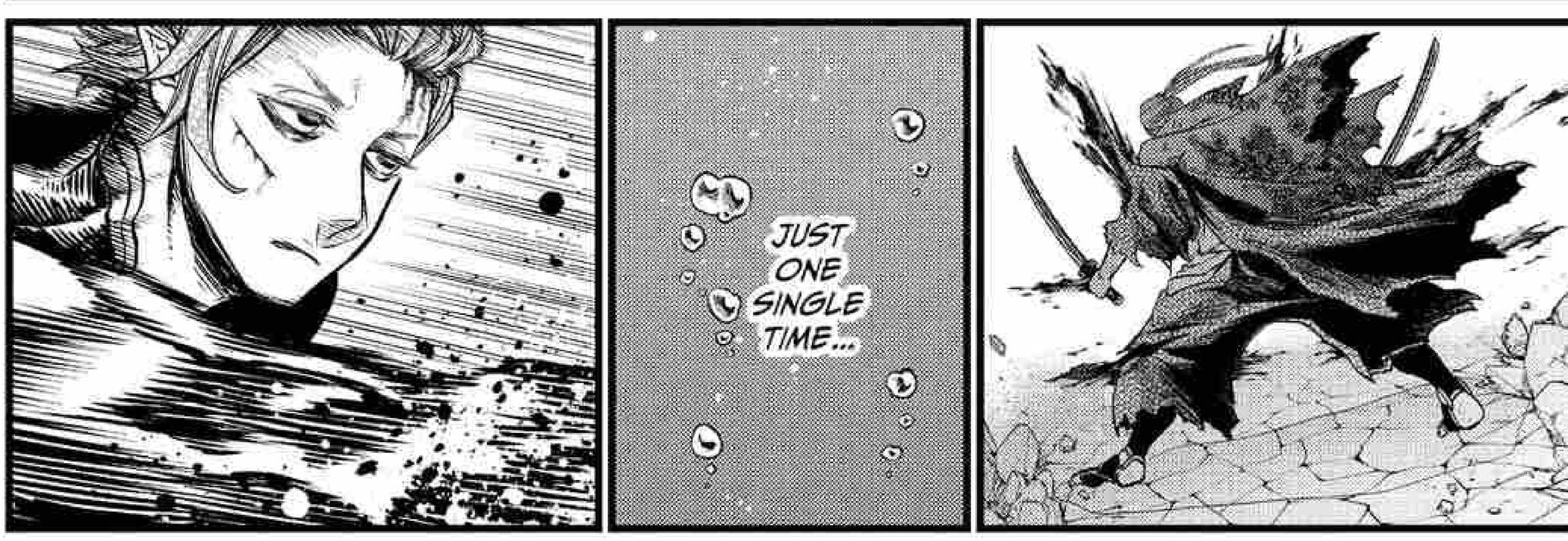
...UNDER-STOOD...

THOSE WHO LIVED BY THE SWORD...

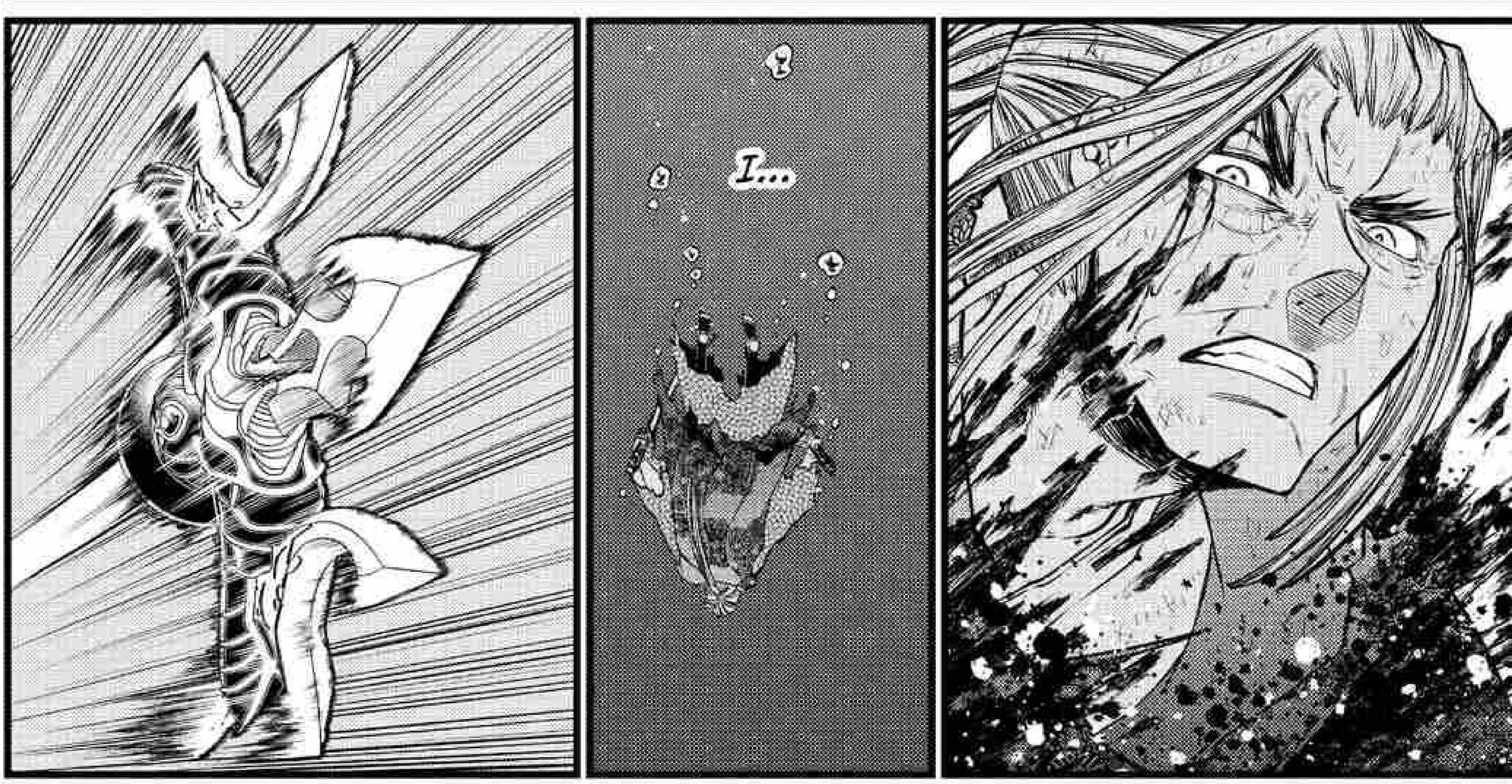
...THAT SASAKI KOJIRO WAS JUST GETTING STARTED!



ALL THE PAIN...



EVERY DROP OF BLOOD HE SHED...



...ONLY SERVED...

!

KA-ANG!!

...TO MAKE SASAKI KOJIRO STRONGER!

...

I TOO...

...WANT A TASTE OF VICTORY!

...REACHED THE BOTTOM OF THE DARK ABYSS.

THAT WAS THE MOMENT THE TIP OF HUMANITY'S SWORD...

CHNK
NO

PWN

NF

THE VIBRATION OF THE GROUND.

...BUT THE MOVEMENT OF THE AIR.

NOT JUST HIS OPPONENT'S MOVE-MENTS...

HE COULD PERCEIVE ALL OF CREATION.

...HELPED KOJIRO SEE...

EVERY ELEMENT OF THE UNIVERSE...

THE GOD'S STRIKES!

ULTIMATE VISION OF TEN THOUSAND MOVES!
MANJU MUSO!

FWFF
SHI

...JUST EFFORT-LESSLY AVOIDED LORD POSEIDON'S SUPER HIGH-SPEED STRIKES!
W-WHAT?! THE BLOODIED AND BATTERED KOJIRO...

FWFF
FWFF

...
WHAT
FWFF

THOU-SANDS ...

...EVERY MOVE POSEIDON MAKES!

THAT HUMAN...! HE CAN FINALLY ANTICI-PATE...

WHP WHP WHP WHP WHP WHP

TENS OF THOUSANDS... HOW MANY MOVES AHEAD CAN HE SEE?!

FWSH

FWFF

FWF

...

HFF

FINALLY ...!

HFF

I FINALLY MADE IT THIS FAR...

...MR. GOD OF THE SEAS.

THMP

GOOOOOOOOOOOOO!

SASAKI!

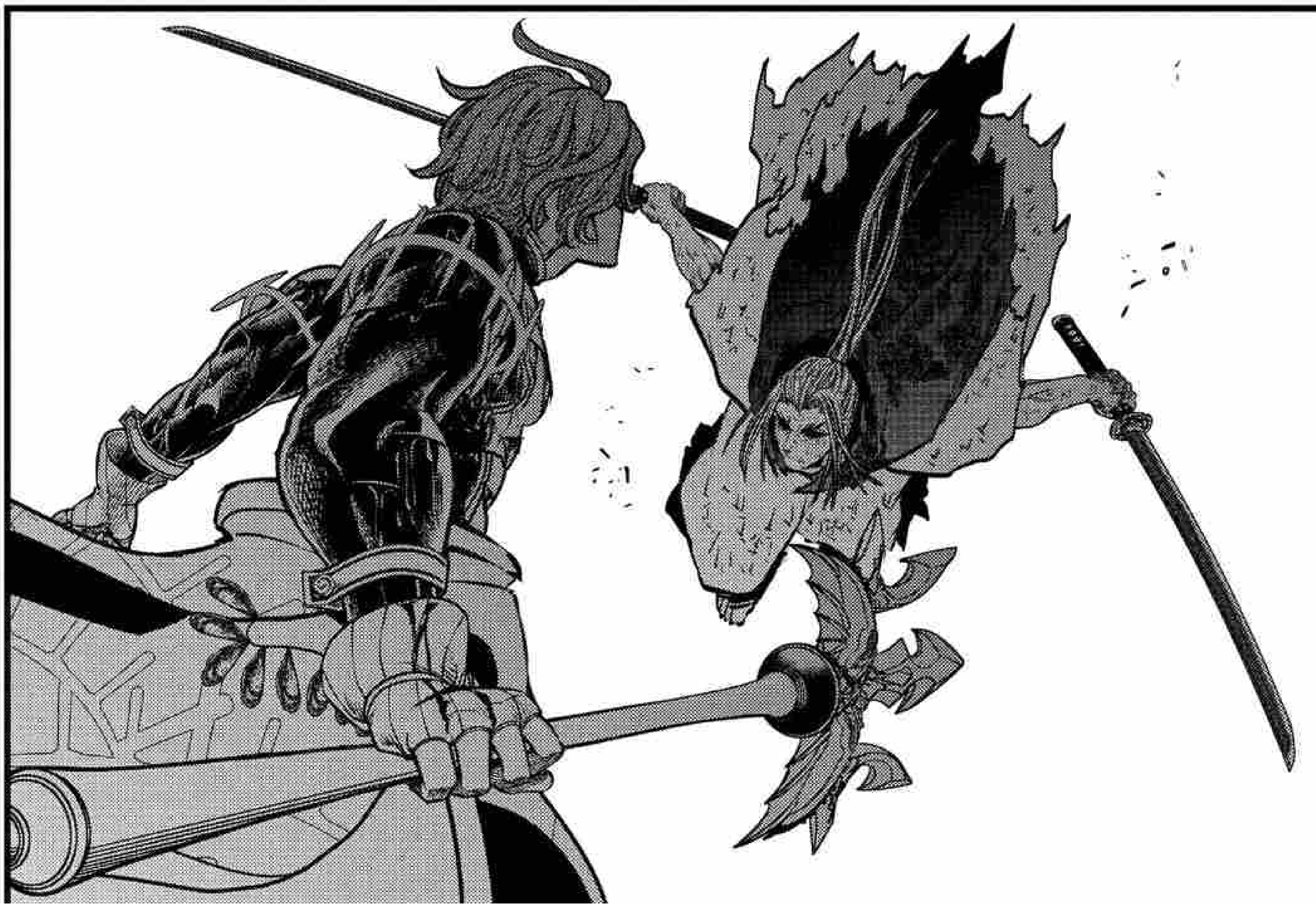
MEN HAVE DEDICATED THEIR LIVES...

...TO WIELDING A PIECE OF FORGED STEEL TO ITS ABSOLUTE POTENTIAL.

...ARE ETCHED IN THE HISTORY OF THE BLADE...

TO ALL THE SWORDS-MEN WHOSE NAMES...

Thank you.



NITEN GANRYU SECRET TECHNIQUE

SOUENZANKO BANJINRYORAN!!
THE TEN THOUSAND TIGER-SLAYING
BLADE OF THE TWIN SWALLOWS!

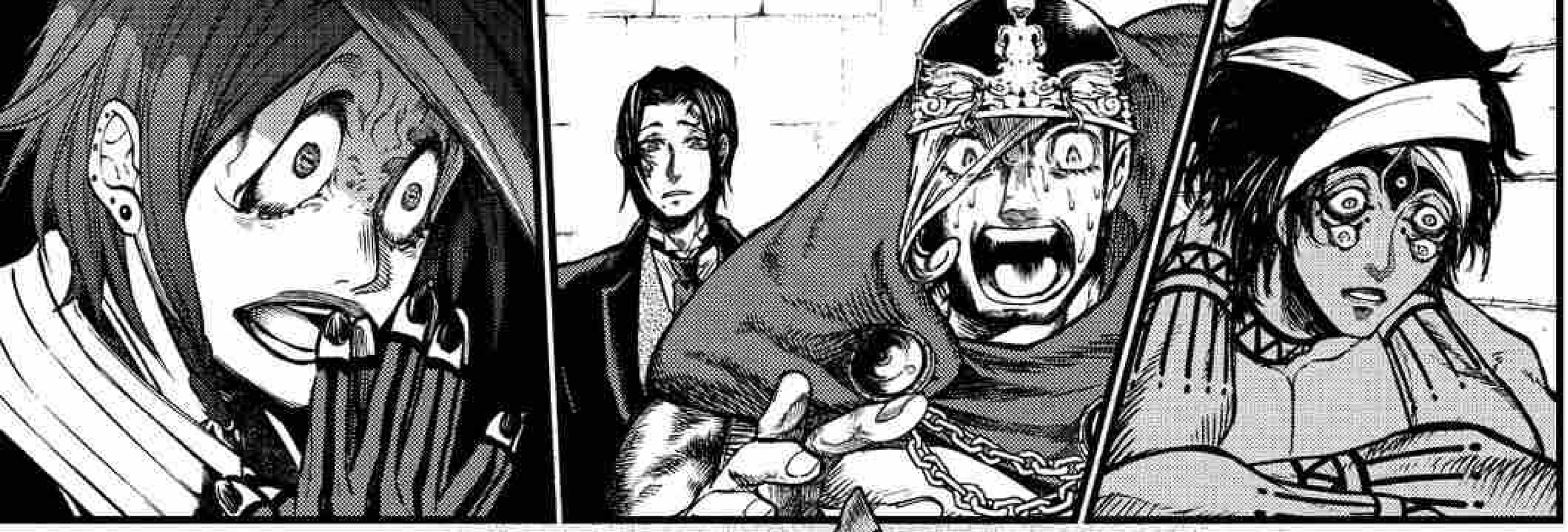
FLEX FLEX

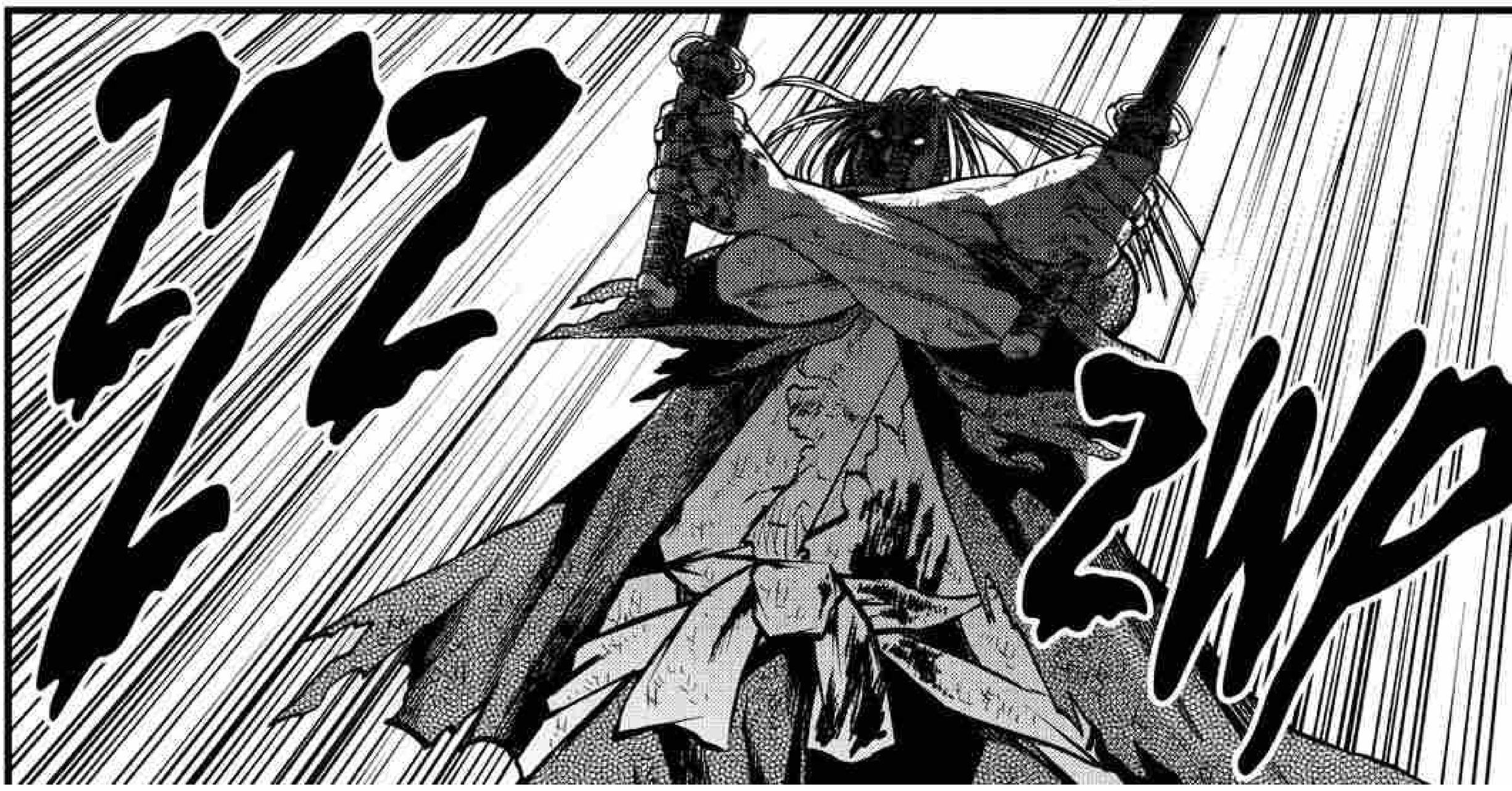
FLEX

ZZ

ZWP

SLASH




ZZZ

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WFF

KLINK

Y...

WOBBLE

...

...

HFF

HFF

SKK

YOU...

SHWOOP

...LITTLE...

W

HUMP

FFF

FFF

SPLAT

HFF

HFF

CHK

WHEW...

WHFF

WINNING
...
...FEELS PRETTY GOOD AFTER ALL.

ラグナロク
決勝
TH...
...OF RAGNAROK IS...
THE WINNER OF THE THIRD ROUND...

RAAA

...SASAKI KOJIRO!

THE CHAMPION OF HUMANITY...

POSEIDON VS. KOJIRO SASAKI
MATCH DURATION: 13 MIN., 7 SEC.
DECIDING TECHNIQUE:
SOUENZANKO BANJINRYORAN,
THE TEN THOUSAND TIGER-SLAYING
BLADE OF THE TWIN SWALLOWS
WINNER: SASAKI KOJIRO

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THE GODS' THIRD CHAMPION

POSEIDON

HUMANITY'S THIRD THIRD CHAMPION

KOJIRO SASAKI

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